

coverage, accuracy, and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary, and Steve H. Murdock, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, both of the Department of Commerce; and Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States Postal Service one year after reform, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; and Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission.

CLIMBING COSTS OF HEATING HOMES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the rising costs of heating homes, focusing on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), after receiving testimony from Regina Surber, Tennessee Department of Human Services, Nashville; Meg Power, National Community Action Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Deborah A. Frank, Boston University School of Med-

icine, Boston, Massachusetts; and Robin Hussain, Hartford, Connecticut.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), focusing on the FBI's current and future priorities, changes made to its mission, and challenges that are being addressed, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

ELDERLY HUNGER

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine elderly hunger in America, focusing on the steps needed to prevent this now and in the future, after receiving testimony from Edwin L. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services; Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Marcus Lampros, Lampros Steel, Inc., Portland, Oregon; James P. Ziliak, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Lexington; and James Weill, Food Research and Action Center, and Bob Blancato, National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jan L. Jones, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5531–5540; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 310; and H. Res. 1022–1023 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Moore (WI) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 4th:

Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park Designation Act: H.R. 4191, to redesignate Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park in the State of Ohio as “Wright Brothers-Dunbar Na-

tional Historic Park”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 91.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To redesignate the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in the State of Ohio as the ‘Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park’, and for other purposes.”.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2007: H.R. 1084, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to build operational readiness in civilian agencies;

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Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008: H. Con. Res. 278, amended, to support Taiwan's fourth

direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 92;

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Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians: H. Res. 951, amended, to condemn the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 1 nay with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 93;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians by Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.”

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Honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments: H. Con. Res. 292, to honor Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments;

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Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4774, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10250 John Saunders Road in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 97;

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Expressing the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association League 58 years ago: H. Con. Res. 286, to express the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association League 58 years ago, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 98;

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Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3800 SW. 185th Avenue in Beaverton, Oregon, as the “Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building”;

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Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 102;

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Providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: S. J. Res. 25,

to provide for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—clearing the measure for the President;

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Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008: H.R. 5159, amended, to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services and to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center;

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Expressing the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers: H. Con. Res. 307, to express the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers;

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Expressing the condolences of the House to those affected by the devastating shooting incident of February 14, 2008, at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois: H. Res. 1007, to express the condolences of the House to those affected by the devastating shooting incident of February 14, 2008, at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois; and

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Expressing the sense of Congress that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on classroom performance: H. Res. 1013, to express the sense of Congress that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on classroom performance.

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Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 101.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Hoekstra motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 186 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 99.

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Rejected the Kline (MN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 100.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 110–538 shall be considered as adopted.

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Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 1424, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 493, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1424; conform the title of H.R. 1424 to reflect the addition of H.R. 493; assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

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H. Res. 1014, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 96, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 95.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1014 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 192 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 94.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1309.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1239–40, H1240, H1241, H1261–62, H1271–72, H1272, H1272–73, H1273–74, H1309, H1314, H1314–15, H1315. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Economic Development Administration and on NASA. Testimony was heard from Sandy K. Baruah, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce; and Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM

William Fallon, USN, Combatant Commander, Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Coast Guard 2009 Budget Impact on Maritime Safety, Security, and Environment. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of GAO: Steve Caldwell, Assistant Director, and John Hutton, Assistant Director.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Expanding Health Care Access. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Health Issues and Opportunities at the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Department of Health and Human Services: Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH; Julie Gerberling, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Terry Cline, M.D., Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Carolyn Clancy, Administrator, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James Billington, Librarian of Congress; Jo Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer; Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian; Rubens Medina, Law Librarian; Marybeth Peters, Register, Copyright Office; Daniel Mulhollan, Director, CRS; and Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.